



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING JUNE 21, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: The benefits of received precipitation were erased by hot and windy weather last week, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Winter wheat maturity advanced quickly and limited harvest began in the southeastern district. In northeastern counties, mostly dry conditions continued. Less wind is needed to help soils retain moisture. Concerns were noted for winter wheat yields as harvest approaches in coming weeks. East central counties received isolated precipitation, but high winds continued to deplete soil moisture supplies. Producers remained very concerned regarding deteriorating crop and pasture conditions. The latest U.S. Drought Monitor report showed extreme drought conditions extending into more east central counties. Southwestern counties remained dry and no moisture was received. A significant wildfire was burning in Montezuma and La Plata counties. In the San Luis Valley, the first cutting of alfalfa progressed quickly and potato emergence was virtually complete. No precipitation was received last week and conditions remained dry. In southeastern counties, wheat harvest began in some areas but low test weights were discouraging. Condition of crops and pasture continued to deteriorate due to dry and windy weather. Stored feed supplies were rated 7 percent very short, 18 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 68 percent average and 32 percent light. Cattle death loss was 87 percent average and 13 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested	75	63	65	69
2 nd cutting harvested	2	NA	NA	NA
Barley				
Headed	23	5	13	29
Dry edible beans				
Planted	93	75	50	72
Emerged	51	31	18	48
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Emerged	96	81	83	89
Proso Millet				
Planted	96	87	80	NA
Sorghum				
Planted	87	68	86	89
Emerged	55	42	51	61
Sunflowers				
Planted	86	78	68	69
Winter wheat				
Headed	97	92	94	98
Turning color	63	32	37	66
Mature	17	1	1	14
Harvested	7	--	--	1

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.3	5.9	4.6	5.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	25	20	1	5
Short	49	55	6	13
Adequate	26	25	84	76
Surplus.....	--	--	9	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	24	21	3	6
Short	46	50	11	15
Adequate	30	29	81	75
Surplus.....	--	--	5	4

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	10	11	2	3
Poor.....	12	16	6	8
Fair.....	28	28	10	24
Good	44	41	68	53
Excellent	6	4	14	12
Barley				
Very poor	1	--	1	--
Poor.....	9	6	3	1
Fair.....	31	27	19	20
Good	46	48	49	53
Excellent	13	19	28	26
Corn				
Very poor	4	2	--	--
Poor.....	15	7	4	4
Fair.....	47	65	27	20
Good	28	22	63	64
Excellent	6	4	6	12
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	1	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	18	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	49	NA	NA	NA
Good	28	NA	NA	NA
Excellent	4	NA	NA	NA
Onions				
Very poor	2	2	--	2
Poor.....	3	3	--	4
Fair.....	26	26	6	13
Good	65	65	88	69
Excellent	4	4	6	12
Pasture and range				
Very poor	32	27	1	6
Poor.....	16	13	3	10
Fair.....	26	26	19	20
Good	26	34	58	52
Excellent	--	--	19	12
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	5	3	5	2
Fair.....	27	18	25	25
Good	49	53	51	56
Excellent	19	26	19	17
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	2	2	--	--
Poor.....	3	3	2	1
Fair.....	21	21	17	13
Good	62	62	73	68
Excellent	12	12	8	18
Sorghum				
Very poor	1	2	2	1
Poor.....	5	5	2	2
Fair.....	62	53	22	19
Good	28	34	67	73
Excellent	4	6	7	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	3	3	--	1
Poor.....	11	8	1	3
Fair.....	28	28	28	19
Good	48	48	59	61
Excellent	10	13	12	16
Winter wheat				
Very poor	14	16	1	3
Poor.....	23	22	3	12
Fair.....	34	31	16	27
Good	27	29	51	43
Excellent	2	2	29	15
Livestock				
Very poor	1	2	1	--
Poor.....	6	6	4	2
Fair.....	25	22	21	15
Good	60	54	61	71
Excellent	8	16	13	12

NA – not available

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